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Ambassador Donald C. Leidel
American Embassy
Manama, Bahrain

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Before turning off the lights at FBIS Gulf Bureau for the last time, I would like to express my special appreciation and that of FBIS Washington for the fine cooperation and support I have received from the Embassy during the difficult process of closing the bureau this past summer.

Everyone in the mission has been supportive and helpful in a variety of ways, but I think the Administrative and General Services sections deserve to be singled out for particular praise. The number of routine turnovers in American positions alone this summer was enough to ensure a busy season for them; the decision to close the FBIS bureau at the same time imposed a really exceptional burden of extra work. All of the assistance FBIS received in making travel and shipping arrangements and processing personnel actions for the large FBIS staff; shipping, redistributing, or disposing of an enormous volume of FBIS equipment and other property; and processing a large number of vouchers to pay for it all was greatly appreciated, though I may not always have stopped to say so at the time.

I think a special word of thanks must go to the FSN personnel in Admin and GSO. They provided the essential continuity during a summer of transitions and bore the brunt of the extra work with commendable dedication and professionalism. Their contributions represent the key element in the successful and timely completion of a complicated process.

The Director of FBIS, the chief of Operations Group, and my predecessors in this position join me in thanking you personally and the entire Embassy community for your support, cooperation, and friendship over the years of FBIS operations in Bahrain and in wishing you and the mission continuing success.

Sincerely,

Chief, FBIS Gulf Bureau

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